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| Applicant: | Noriko YAGI ET AL. | Conf.: | 8192 |
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| For: | A RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TIRE TREADS AND A PNEUMATIC TIRE HAVING A THREAD MADE OF SUCH COMPOSITION (As Amended) | | |

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 16, 2004

Sir:

In further response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003, the period of response having been extended one (1) month to March 19, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Claims and
Remarks